

IN HONOR OF SENATOR THURMAN
G. ADAMS, JR.

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart but great honor that I rise today to pay tribute to the life of the Honorable Thurman G. Adams, Jr. A member of Delaware's State Senate for the past 37 years and owner of T.G. Adams & Sons Inc., Senator Adams is a man who has given much to his community and his state; a man who is to be recognized for all that he has done and a man who will truly be missed by me and Delawareans throughout our state.

Since his initial election in 1972, Senator Adams worked diligently as a representative of his constituents and as an advocate for progress, molding Delaware into the business-friendly, agriculturally rich state that it is today. The longest serving State Senator in Delaware history, Thurman served in this capacity under eight Governors and was elected as the Senate Majority Leader in 1999 and as the President Pro Tempore in 2002. Regarding Thurman's dedication to our State and his strength of character, I cannot say enough. For nearly four decades now, there is hardly a bill that has come to pass in Delaware upon which Thurman's influence has not been felt. One of the most notable pieces of legislation that he sponsored and fought for was an enhanced 9–1–1 bill. Passed and currently in place, the bill created a system that automatically gives the address from which a 9–1–1 call originates—enabling a quicker, more accurate response time. A member of the Senate Executive Committee since his first term and later appointed as chairman, Thurman played a huge role in determining who served in the judiciary, cabinet and various other influential state posts. The strong, positive force which he brought to the legislature every day has helped to strengthen and solidify Delaware's courts and government for many decades.

In his capacity as a legislator and as a citizen, Thurman spent his life in service to the State of Delaware. Senator Adams graduated from the University of Delaware in 1950 with a B.S. in agricultural education and went on to succeed his father as the President of T.G. Adams & Sons Inc., a feed and grain business in his hometown of Bridgeville. With a solid base in agriculture and the business world, Thurman was appointed to the State Highway Commission in 1961 and appointed as the chairman of the Governor's Safety Committee in 1966. Over the years, Senator Adams was recognized for many accomplishments. In 1996, he received the University of Delaware's "Medal of Distinction," an honor acknowledging his outstanding professional achievements. He and his wife Hilda also became very active in trying to make the process to receive organ transplants easier for individuals and their families after their own personal experience with their son Brent. In 2008, he was both inducted into the National 4–H Hall of Fame and awarded the "Order of the First State," the highest award our Governor can present in recognition of his many years of service.

Senator Adams spent his life as an advocate for his Bridgeville district, for the county

of Sussex, and for the State of Delaware. A believer in personal, deep-rooted relationships, Thurman was a respected and compassionate legislator and his passing will leave a void in Delaware's General Assembly and our state. During my time as a State Senator and in my role as Lt. Governor and Governor, I had the privilege of working with Senator Adams on many key legislative issues. Thurman is someone with whom I worked closely and confided in frequently and I feel confident in recognizing him for who he was—a man who was incredibly fair, a strong, trusted and great leader with devotion unequalled, and a sterling reputation for helping others.

Foremost in Thurman's life was his family. Thurman was a loving husband to his wife Hilda, a father who could bestow life's lessons as well as heartfelt love to his three children, Brent, Lynn, and Polly, a grandfather who adored his grandchildren, and a brother to Leon, Beatrice and his deceased brother Alvin. His family and grandchildren warmed his heart and he took great pride in watching them grow and mature over the years. While we will all miss him dearly, I take comfort in knowing that he, Hilda, and Brent have been reunited and I am sure are watching over all of us now.

He gave his time, his energy, and his heart in pursuit of comprehensive and useful measures, established and implemented for the benefit of his fellow Delawareans. Steadfast in his beliefs, Thurman once said, "I hope that every bill will make life better." I stand today to acknowledge and honor that he was a man dedicated to just that. Godspeed to my good friend, Senator Thurman G. Adams, Jr. and thank you for your guidance, support and friendship over the years.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DENNY REHBERG

OF MONTANA

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Mr. REHBERG. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Rep. DENNY REHBERG
Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project

Name and Address: Em-Kayan County Water and Sewer District, 910 Greers Ferry Road, Libby, Montana 59923.

Description: The Em-Kayan community water system consists of three springs, two wells, five steel storage tanks and a water distribution system inclusive of fire hydrants. The original water system was constructed in the 1960s. Funding would be used to replace badly corroded steel water main with PVC water main, install additional fire hydrants to meet fire flow requirements, install water meters to better account for the District's water resource and install a control system.

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Account: National Park Service—Save America's Treasures

Name and Address: City of Bozeman, 121 North Rouse Avenue, Bozeman, Montana 59711

Description: Historic Downtown Bozeman suffered a devastating loss due to a natural

gas pipeline explosion in March, 2009. The explosion and subsequent fire destroyed four historic buildings, and significantly damaged three others. All buildings are in the Bozeman Main Street Historic District, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. The destroyed buildings covered 150 linear feet of historic streetscape.

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Account: BLM—Land Acquisition
Name and Address: The Conservation Fund, 125 Bank Street, Suite #612, Missoula, Montana 59802.

Description: Funding would be used for the BLM to purchase Phase II of this project. Located in Carbon County, near Red Lodge, the wind-blasted stone pinnacles of the Meeteetse Spire reach hundreds of feet into the sky and provide a unique backdrop to a scenic hanging valley as part of the Meeteetse Spire Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). In partnership with the BLM, The Conservation Fund has reached an agreement to acquire a 560-acre private inholding from a willing seller within the ACEC with the goal of conveying the property to the BLM through an appropriation.

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Account: U.S. Forest Service—Land Acquisition

Name and Address: The Nature Conservancy, 32 S. Ewing, Helena, Montana 59601.

Description: This funding would be used for the U.S. Forest Service to acquire lands critical for protecting the existing federal investment in the Blackfoot Community—Nora Gulch—project area, including wildlife habitat for grizzly bears, elk, and threatened trout species.

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Account: EPA—Science and Technology
Name and Address: Consortium for Plant Biotechnology Research Inc., 100 Sylvan Drive, Suite #210, St. Simons Island, Georgia 31522.

Description: Partnering with Montana State University, this funding would be used to fund university research and technology transfer for phytoremediation and environmentally friendly industries. Working with The Consortium for Plant Biotechnology Research, Inc., it will develop new and improved technologies that range from "green" chemicals and industrial manufacturing processes to environmental remediation.

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Account: EPA—Science and Technology
Name and Address: The Water Research Foundation, 6666 Quincy Street, Denver, Colorado 80235.

Description: Partnering with the Mountain Water Company of Missoula, Montana, this funding would be used to sponsor individual research projects that enable utilities to provide safe, affordable and sustainable water to their customers. These projects will help water utilities address challenges such as climate change impacts on water supply, pharmaceutical contaminants in drinking water, aging infrastructure, and protection of watersheds.

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Account: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service—Land Acquisition